

POLICING RACIAL CAPITALISM

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“We continue to find that the prison is itself a border..
There is a very specific political economy of the prison
that brings the intersections of gender and race,
colonialism and capitalism, into view.”
— Angela Davis and Gina Dent



ABOUT THIS MODULE

- *What are prisons? How is state violence linked to capitalist extraction and accumulation? Should the police and the border be abolished?*
- This module examines the relationship between racism, capitalism, and different modalities of state violence. Drawing on the black radical tradition, anticolonial theory, feminism, and critical disability studies, together we explore the racial, sexual, ableist, gendered, and colonial histories of borders, detention centres, prisons, police, psychiatric institutions, and family surveillance. By moving from the local to the global and back again, we examine how state violence has been a constant feature of racial and colonial capitalism. In so doing, we ultimately probe what an abolitionist world without prisons, police, and other carceral structures might look like.



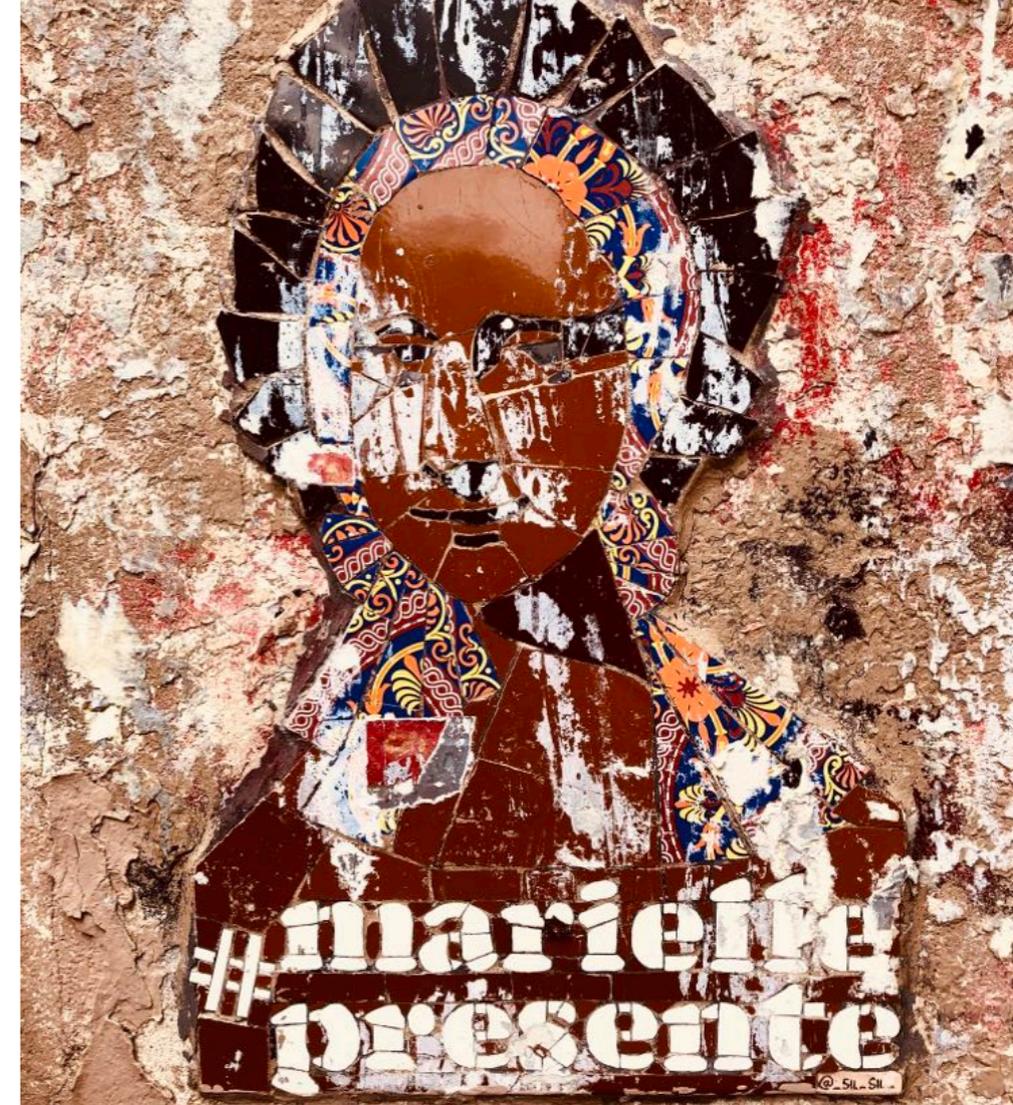
TOPICS

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1. “Who do you serve? Who do you protect?”
2. Racial capitalism and the global black radical tradition
3. Property, empire, and the invention of the police
4. Vagrancy, indenture, and the criminalisation of mobility
5. Policing Palestine: apartheid, settler colonialism, and global protest
6. Family policing, sex panics, and population control
7. Extraction, ecocide, and plantation logics
8. ‘Madness’, global health, and carceral ableism
9. Abolitionist futures

WHY TAKE THIS MODULE?

- Learn about the history and contemporary operations of policing, bordering, sexual governance, psychiatric institutions, and other carceral structures
- Explore various traditions of abolition, refusal, activism, and anti-colonial worldmaking
- This is an interactive and creative class, centred around collective learning: we'll work with music, poetry, zines, podcasts, and more!



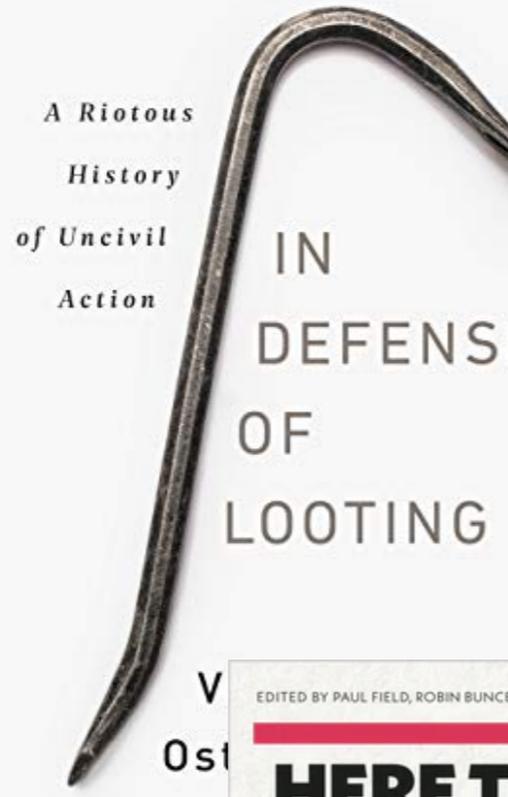


MODULE ORGANISATION

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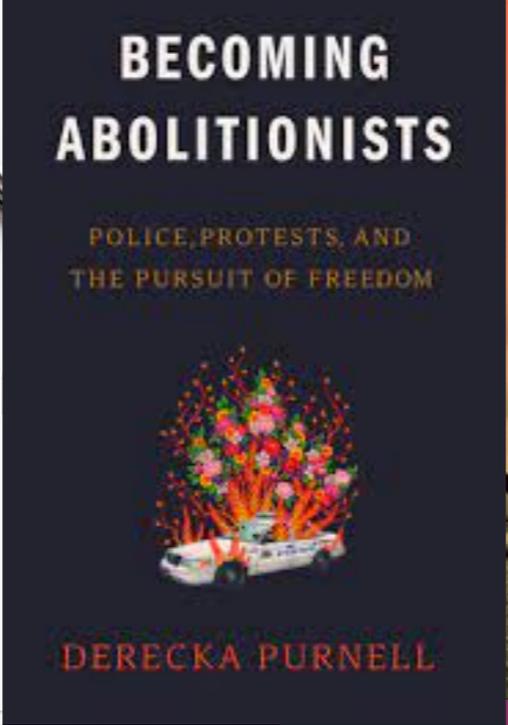
- Taught as a 3-hr weekly workshop, consisting of a mixture of group work, plenary sessions, mini lectures, and other activities
- Assessed through three different components:
 - Short essay (1,000 words)
 - Long essay (3,500 words)
 - Group presentation/podcast

Health COMMUNISM



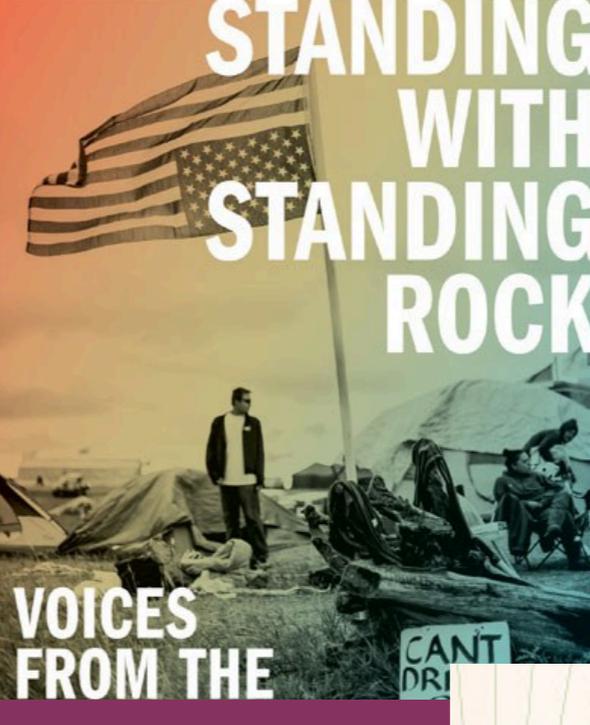
A Riotous History of Uncivil Action

IN DEFENSE OF LOOTING



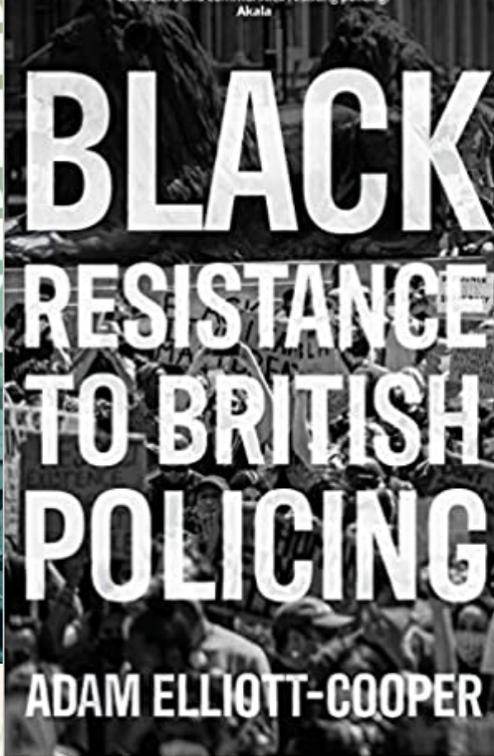
BECOMING ABOLITIONISTS
POLICE, PROTESTS, AND THE PURSUIT OF FREEDOM

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STANDING WITH STANDING ROCK

VOICES FROM THE



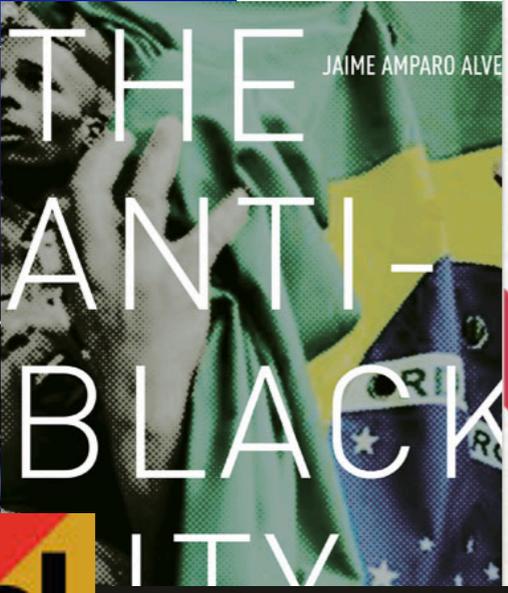
BLACK RESISTANCE TO BRITISH POLICING

ADAM ELLIOTT-COOPER



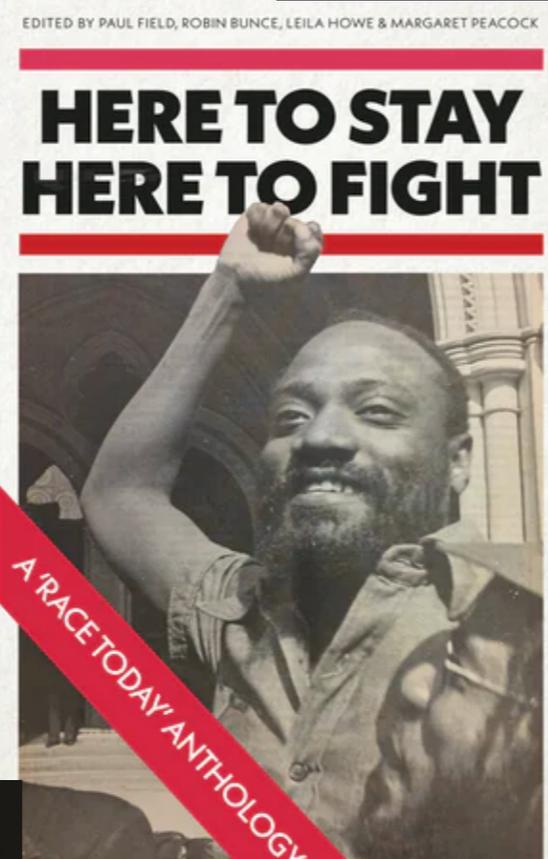
WE DO THIS TIL WE FREE US

MARIAME KABA



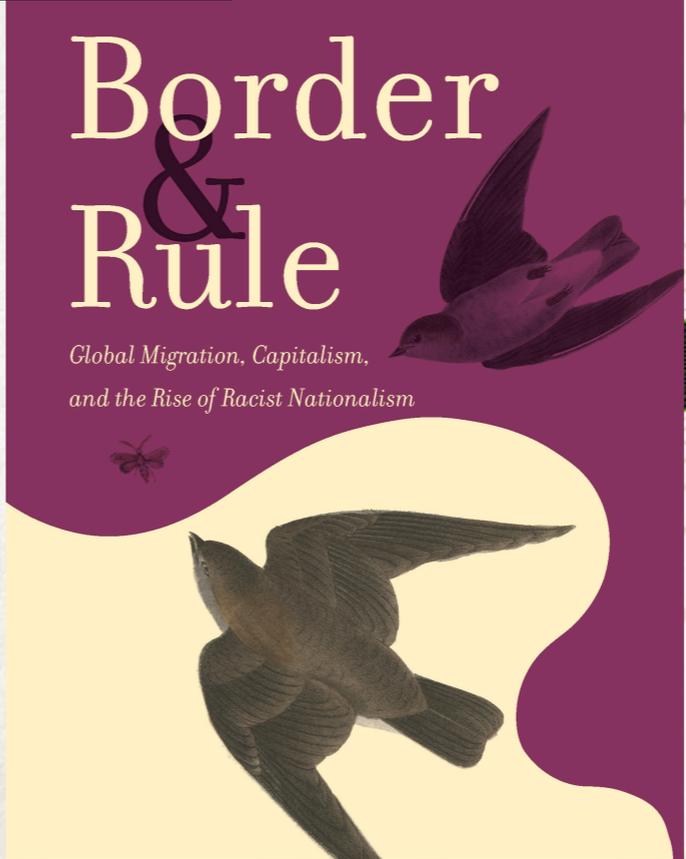
THE ANTI-BLACK

JAIME AMPARO ALVE



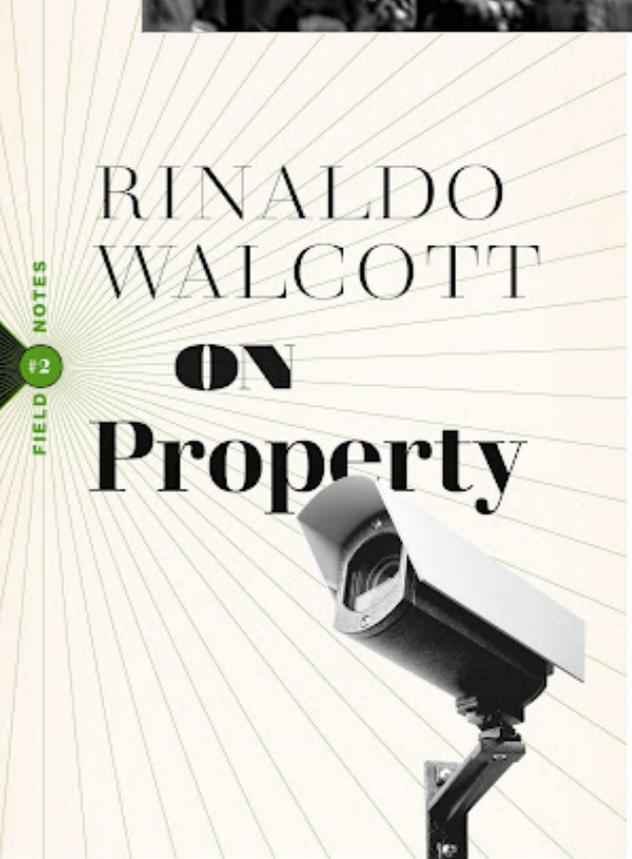
HERE TO STAY HERE TO FIGHT

A 'RACE TODAY' ANTHOLOGY



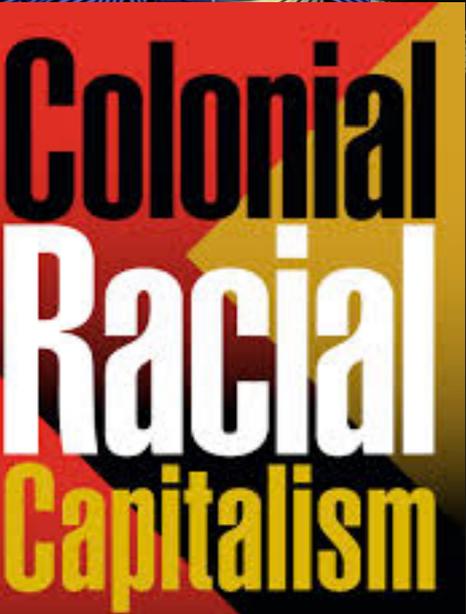
Border & Rule

Global Migration, Capitalism, and the Rise of Racist Nationalism

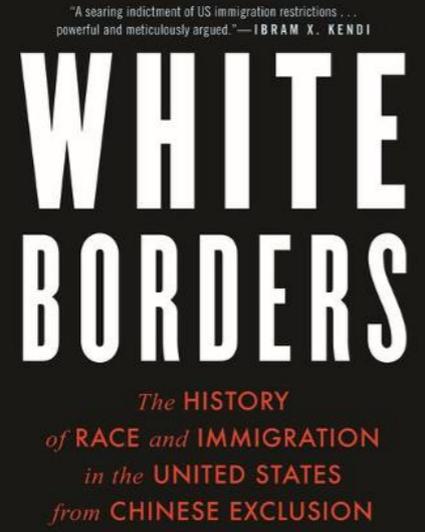


RINALDO WALCOTT

ON Property

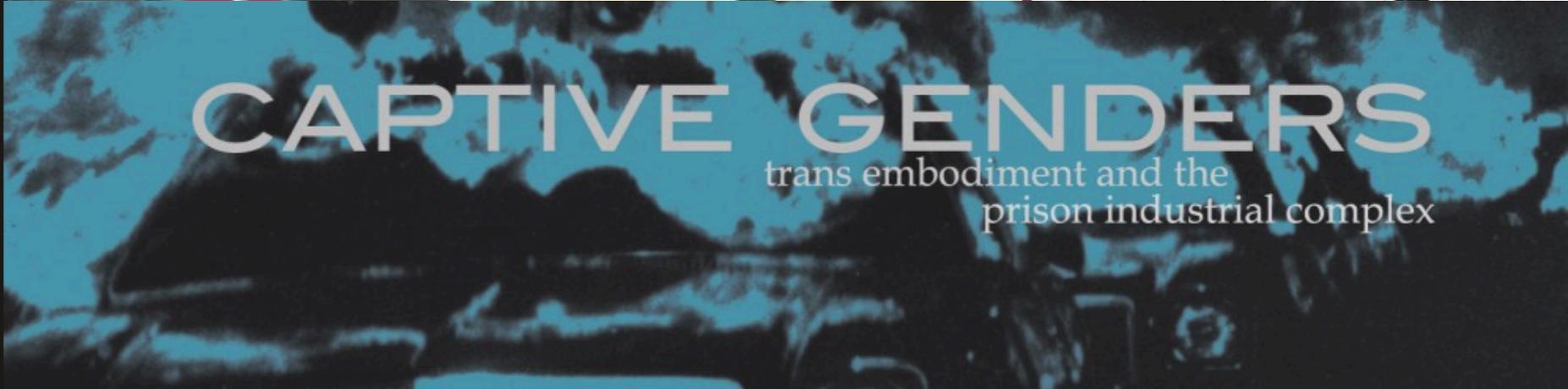


Colonial Racial Capitalism



WHITE BORDERS

The HISTORY of RACE and IMMIGRATION in the UNITED STATES from CHINESE EXCLUSION



CAPTIVE GENDERS

trans embodiment and the prison industrial complex

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If you have questions about the module, please don't hesitate to get in touch—I look forward to hearing from you!